

**Town of Northfield  
Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes April 13, 2015  
Municipal Building 6:00pm**

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Scott Amell, Michele Langley, Bruce Wright, Heidi Passalacqua (members); David Packie (visitor trail builder, contractor), Chan Stowell and Ann Jennings (community members) Ken Goslant Selectman-liaison), Ethan (Eagle Scout), John Hatch parent, visitor.

- I. Call to order: 612pm
- II. Review and approval of minutes- Discussed whether or not we were going to make a copy of project that was completed for Select Board from Norwich project that was a side discussion missed on minutes. Discussion also for future that technically can't be missed in minutes if side discussions are happening and don't make minutes. Decided will use book /flash drive with information on an as needed basis. Approved both February and March minutes.
- III. Old business:
  - a. Field Maintenance: Back stop has been removed. The 4x8 piece that was there and new ply wood is waiting to be delivered. It will be painted on front initially and then later on back because it is pressure treated. Bruce is doing the work on the bleachers and the school is doing the back stop (wood has been paid for as previous allocation). Snow is still on the fields. Cal Ripken, and Men's League also has high school will be utilizing the fields as soon as it melts. Maintenance of fields both in falls and Memorial is still in contention of who is in charge of field maintenance. Bruce did a rough business estimate for May to November in a "first rate way" and to do all 3 falls fields with lining, fertilizing and mowing would cost \$20,000.
  - b. Northfield Rotary meeting: Scott will be going to next meeting April 15.
  - c. Scott introduced Ethan Hatch for his Eagle Scout project who is interested in doing his Eagle Scout project at Memorial Park for a pavilion. He outlined a rough sketch of what he would like to do. He has to do the planning and implementing of the project. His father stated he still has to present project to the scouting association. It has to be doable and big enough. Discussed how our committee will collaborate with him in our project.
  - d. Discussed with David Packie the building of roads/trail from Memorial Park to the Falls. It would involve getting permission from landowners (or as few as possible). Action item is to get the area GPS'd he will email Russ Barrett to find out if it has already been GPS'd and come back to next meeting. If for some reason Russ Barrett is not back from vacation then he will map out and come back to meeting he will also determine who landowners are from there we will determine the landowners. Discussed each phase and differences between

whether they would be mountain bike or snow shoe or cross country ski trails. David has been trying to get Paine Mtn signage done. Group discussion discussed most important phase is Memorial park to falls is more doable and the other which is Shaw center to Memorial Park is another phase which we have our projects for now to focus on. Scott needs to meet with groups for picnic tables to get out before next meeting. Jerry Cassels offered to have his class burn the sponsors into the center board. Scott will meet with him later this week to confirm he would still do this.

- e. Summer projects: tournaments: Heidi invited Geoff to meeting but didn't hear back but possibly a volleyball tournament. Cal Ripken June 5-7? Plywood at memorial park with 10 businesses' that has been up is outdated. Scott will talk to Jack Baroffio about having bb gun/beginner. Bruce will speak with Rodney Elmer about archery clinic/lessons .Heidi will contact Mr. Gonneville re golf clinic

IV. New Business: Discussion Regarding Treasurer's Report:

- a. Treasurer's report: committee received five pieces of paper with varying reports on them. Some of them labeled. Group was trying to figure out why some of the account balance has the account balance under assets and then under balance it has a negative. A for instance under our donation account it lists \$3,475.38 under total assets but then under account balance it has a -\$3475.38. A discrepancy and question for our group exists in our "capital improvement fund" which is listed for the Recreation committee. When our committee discussed last during budget times our CIP account in 10/14/14 had 8,953.47 in its account. When some of our members approached the select board with a report in regards to what we would like to do with renovations at the park we were looking to use a portion of the money from the CIP fund. With our recent treasurers report we have learned \$2000.00 was utilized for the grinding of stumps at the Park in the summer (around 6/30/14?) No one from the Recreation Committee knew anything about it or recommended it as we were gearing up our plan for revitalization and renovation- this was not an expense that made good feasible sense. Group agreed we should do more treasurers reports.
- b. Approval of field use requests: Egg Hunt that occurred 3/28/15 (had received online approval). Approved. Discussed approval of Northfield Nationals who would like approval for 5/3, 5/17,6/7,7/12,7/26.8/2,8/23,8/30 from 10-4pm for Pecora field. Gave numbers and insurance policy. Discussed last year and if there is a change in these dates for a representative to call Heidi or Michele. High School provided schedule of games for falls and Park as well and practice. Heidi told TJ from the school the same and Scott Amell who is coach for high school that if something changes to just communicate. Dates approved.

V. Next meeting May 11, 2015. 6p

VI. Adjournment